Need to Know: United Kingdom
English Universities and Scottish Universities

Objective of the “Need to Know” Document
The Need to Know document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student’s decision to apply for an EAP program. The document is not a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the UCEAP Program Guide from the prior academic cycle. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or Need to Know document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

Advisor Contact Information
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Course work
Admission to a host university is contingent upon acceptance into a particular department (usually the applicant’s major department) at that university. Study within a small range of departments (one or two) is the norm.

To research host university course descriptions for universities in England, access http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/United_Kingdom_England/Pages/English_universities.aspx

For universities in Scotland, access http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/United_Kingdom_Scotland/Pages/Scottish_universities.aspx?t=2

Under “Host Universities” there are web links to specific host university course description pages. These are found on the “Courses and Credit” tab specific to each university.

Special note to Dramatic Art students: Performance courses are limited. Please review course descriptions to determine if performance course work available at those locations will suit your needs. Dramatic Art departments at most universities offer theater history and theory only.

Special notes on availability of host university course work
Math courses at most U.K. host universities are year-long courses only. University of East Anglia and University of Edinburgh are the exceptions – one-semester Math courses are available.

Almost all law courses at U.K. host universities are year-long courses only. If you are a semester student you will not be able to take law courses in the U.K.

Bristol:
Courses in the following departments, faculties, and schools are not open to international students. Applied Community and Health Studies, Clinical Science, Clinical Veterinary Science, Community-Based Medicine, Exercise, Nutrition and Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Graduate School of Education, and Oral and Dental Science.

Courses in the following departments and faculties are only open to year-long students. Aerospace Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Engineering Management Group, Engineering Mathematics, Faculty of Engineering, Geographic Sciences, Law, and Mechanical Engineering. Limited space is available in the Spring in the department of Economics, Finance and Management. The only fields available in Fall are Humanities and Social Science.

Edinburgh:
Honors (3rd and 4th year) courses in the humanities and social sciences have limited space, particularly in the fields of English literature, history, politics, psychology, and sociology. If you are interested in these areas, be prepared to be flexible about course choices.

Although the University of Edinburgh has merged with the Edinburgh College of Art, classes in the art school are not yet open to visiting students.

Glasgow:
With a few exceptions in veterinary bioscience and the medical humanities course, architecture, medicine, and nursing courses are not open to visiting students.
Computer Science does no longer arrange alternative assessment for the fall semester.
Education courses are open to visiting students but if a placement is involved (e.g. as a classroom assistant) you will need a Tier 4 visa. Please note that application for courses that include placements are reviewed by the University of Glasgow on a case-by-case basis.

Leeds:
Level 1 and Level 2 studio art classes within the School of Fine Art are permitted, but Level 3 classes are not. However, the following Level 3 studio art courses are available in the School of Design: DESN 3440 and DESN 3441. The School of Design also offers a variety of classes at different levels in drawing, printmaking, fashion and textiles, and digital media.

Manchester:
Courses in dentistry, medicine, midwifery, and pharmacy are not open to international students.
Honors (3rd year) courses in the humanities and social sciences have limited space, particularly in the fields of architecture, drama, English literature, history, politics, psychology, and sociology. If you are interested in these areas, prepare to be flexible about course choices.
Fall-only students may not take courses in economics because the Department of Economics does not offer early assessment.

Host University Placement

Application to the EAP UK English/Scottish Universities (Immersion) Programs is application to an exchange program rather than independent application to a particular host university. As an exchange program applicant, be aware that space for you at your first choice preference of host university is not guaranteed. If placement at any institution other than your first choice preference of host university is not acceptable to you, please consider opportunities outside of the EAP exchange. Such opportunities include direct application to that particular host university, and/or application to a study-abroad program provider instead, in order to achieve that goal.

Length of Program

Year-long options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

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Academic and financial consequences will result if you withdraw from the Year program after one semester. If you are seeking a one-semester option, consider either the EAP Arts/Politics/Society&Space Fall Semester in London or the EAP UK locations which offer a one-semester option.

Fall semester options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

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Spring semester options are available at English Universities and Scottish Universities:

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- Bristol
- East Anglia
- King’s College London*
- Queen Mary London*
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Royal Holloway London*
- University College London*

Scotland:
- Edinburgh
- St. Andrews
- Glasgow

* Space is limited on King’s, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, and UCL semester options. Priority will be given to year-long applicants.

Minimum cumulative GPA

The minimum cumulative GPA at the time of application and maintained through the end of the last term prior to departure for the EAP UK Immersion programs is **2.85 for all universities except:**

- Bristol: 3.2 cumulative GPA required
- Edinburgh: 3.0 cumulative GPA required
- Imperial: Students with a GPA in the 2.85-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Imperial’s preferred 3.0 GPA
- Kent: Students with a GPA in the 2.95-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Kent’s preferred 3.0 GPA
- King’s College: 3.3 cumulative GPA required
- Manchester: Students with a GPA in the 2.95-2.99 range should submit a letter explaining the GPA and how the student plans to increase it to Manchester’s preferred 3.0 GPA
- Queen Mary: 3.0 cumulative GPA required
- Leeds: English majors seeking placement in the Leeds English Department - 3.3 GPA within all courses you have taken at university-level in the English major
- St. Andrews: 3.2 cumulative GPA required
- Unv. College London: 3.3 cumulative GPA is required for all subjects. Economics will not consider applications with GPA below 3.5.

If Bristol, Edinburgh, King’s, Leeds, Queen Mary, St. Andrews, or University College London are of interest to you, make sure you have the appropriate cumulative GPA at the time of application.

For all other host universities: if your cumulative GPA is below 2.85 at the time of application, your application will not be accepted.

How to decide if a particular program is a good match for you

After reviewing the program descriptions and considering your options, you are welcome to contact recent program participants to hear about their experiences abroad. Please email the UK Immersion adviser and ask for email addresses of students who have done the program in the recent past.